1: Blackwood, Beatrice. Both Sides of Buka Passage: An Ethnographic Study of Social, Sexual, and Economic Questions in the North-Western Solomon Islands. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1935.

Pp. XXIV, 624; 81 plates; 29 text figures; 2 tables; 2 maps; bibliography; glossary; index.

Yale: Nkd. 99. Sob. 935b

[This is a comprehensive ethnographic study of the Melanesian people who live on Buka Island and the northern tip of Bougainville in the Solomon chain. The author, a specialist on Melanesian ethnology, was a University Demonstrator at Oxford University. She went to Buka originally to do research on sex problems. For this reason, her data on marriage and sex relations, pregnancy and childbirth, childhood and adolescent activities, and puberty rites are especially informative. There are also descriptions of the physical environment, village and kinship organization, economic pursuits, arts and crafts, food and medicine religious beliefs and practices; and, in addition, a collection of dreams. Lists of

1: Blackwood, Beatrice.

kinship terms and useful plants are appended at the end of the text. The author's information on "clan" organization has been marked for category 614, "sibs."--Analyst]

Field date: 1929-1930
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1958

2: Parkinson, R. Zur Ethnographie der nordwestlichen Salomo Inseln. /On the Ethnography of the Northwestern Solomon Islands./ Abhandlungen und Berichte des Koniglichen Zoologischen und Anthropologisch-Ethnographischen Museums zu Dresden, Vol. VII, No. 6. 1899.

Pp. iv, 35.

Yale: Nkd99 So6 -899

HRAF Manuscript pp. i, 1-92

Translated from the German for the Human Relations Area Files by Theodore Ziolkowski.

/This source includes information on groups other than Buka, but since the exact provenience of the information given is not always clear, the data have been marked simply for category 171, Distributional Evidence. The book gives particularly good information on material culture: tools, weapons, boats, dwellings, clothing, and utensils. Some material is also given on hunting and fishing, music, the men's society, the life cycle, and social groupings.--Analyst/

Field date: 1895-1897
Analyst: James Leary

Evaluation: Foreign Resident--5
Processed in 1958

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3: Blackwood, Beatrice. Folk Stories from the Northern Solomons. Folk-Lore, Vol. 43, pp. 61-96. London: William Glaisher, Ltd., for the Folk-Lore Society, 1932.

Yale: Nkg10.F72.v.92-93

[These stories were collected by the author, a professional anthropologist, from the natives of Buka and Bougainville. They are divided into the following groups: culture-hero stories, culture origin stories, natural history stories, real-life stories, animal stories, animal association stories, transformation stories, stories about the spirits of the dead, stories about pinari and turkis, and miscellaneous. Throughout the paper, pertinent comments are made on the distribution of similar stories among the surrounding peoples. Information on mythology and folk beliefs is also presented. --Analyst]

Field date: 1929-1930
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1958

4: Thomas, Gordon. Customs and Beliefs of the Natives of Buka. Oceania, Vol. 2, pp. 220-231. Melbourne: The Australian National Research Council, 1931-1932.

Yale: Nk10 Oc2 v. 2

[This is mainly an account of the male initiation ceremonies and of drum signalling on Poroŕan Island, which is a small island about 3 miles west of Buka. Descriptions are given of the images of the gods used in the ceremonies and also of the various drums made and the methods of signalling. --Analyst]

Field date: no date
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Unknown-5
Processed in 1958

5: Blackwood, Beatrice. Treatment of the Sick in the Solomon Islands. Folk-Lore, Vol. 46, pp. 148-161. London: William Glaisher, Ltd., for the Folk-Lore Society, 1935.

Yale: Nkg10.F72.v.96

[This short article, by the outstanding authority on Buka, is a summary review of the curing practices of the natives of north Bougainville, mainly from the villages of Kurtatchi and Tabut. Material is presented on treatment of fractures and sprains, skin diseases, afflictions of the internal organs, fever, ear troubles, children's diseases, and throat troubles. Extensive use is reported of native plant remedies. Some comparisons with treatment on the Indian sub-continent is included. --Analyst]

Field date: 1929-1930
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1958